

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action dated February 9, 2007 has been received and duly noted. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-7.

Claims 8-18 were rejected by the Examiner as being anticipated by Hepple in view of Bissle. The undersigned appreciates a telephone conference with the Examiner on May 7, 2007 wherein the rejected claims were briefly discussed. No agreement regarding Claims 8-20 was reached.

Independent Claim 8 has been amended to more particularly indicate that the brush head according to the present invention is the item which supports the bristles thereon, and has a downwardly facing bristle support surface. Claim 8 further recites that the plurality of bristles supports the brush head when the brush is in use.

While Hepple discloses a conduit, the conduit does not extend from the liquid intake port to the brush head, as defined in Claim 1. In fact, it would be impractical for the conduit to extend to the brush head as defined in Claim 1, since the roller or brush head 90, 91 supports the bristles while rotating. It would be difficult for a conduit to practically extend to the rotating brush head. While the clear water tank 39 of Hepple may be a liquid supply, the liquid supply is not supported on the handle. Moreover, the reference does not disclose a liquid distribution manifold within the brush head, as recited in dependant Claim 12, nor the combination of a liquid supply and a separate chemical dispenser, as recited in Claim 13. The reference does not disclose the dispenser port as recited in Claim 14 or a chemical valve as set forth in Claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant

submits that amended Claim 8 and dependant Claims 9-15 are patentably distinguishable from the cited references.

Independent Claim 17 has been amended in a manner similar to Claim 8, and has been further amended to recite that the roller is rotatably supported on the brush head, and has a central axis spaced above the plurality of bristles, such that the brush head may be pivoted to a forward inverted position to roll the scrub brush on the roller while the bristles are disengaged from the floor surface.

The brush head as recited in Claim 17 is clearly distinguishable from the brush head of Bissle, and Bissle does not disclose a roller rotatably supported on the brush head and having a central axis spaced above the plurality of bristles, such that the brush head may be pivoted to a forward inverted position to roll a scrub brush on a roller while the bristles are disengaged from the floor surface.

In view of the above, early allowance of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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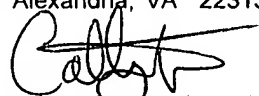
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